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### Chile: New Regulations Affect Moderate Parties

The Chilean Government this week issued a regulation banning specific activities by the moderate and conservative political parties. The leftist parties were outlawed last October, after the junta took power.

The moderate and conservative parties have survived the intervening three months under a "recurso" decree that required them to abstain from all activities. The long list of prohibited activities in the new regulation amounts to a reaffirmation of the original decree. It reflects the junta's continuing disdain for political parties and politicians. The Christian Democrats, one of the parties affected by the new regulation, have argued unsuccessfully that only the Communists and other clandestine groups stand to gain from a strict political moratorium.

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